

National Aviation Board

568. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one way to achieve quick results in the civil aviation sector is to have a National Aviation Board with full financial and executive powers;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to set up a National Aviation Board; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration to set up National Aviation Board.

Operation of private airlines

†569. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the private airlines operating in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of these airlines do not fulfil the conditions and criteria fixed by Government at the time of issuing licenses to them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these private airlines are neglecting them despite of repeated warnings by Government;

(d) if of, the reasons therefor and the details of the action taken by Government; and

(e) if not, the details of surprise inspections carried out by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) At present, the following 9 private scheduled airlines are operating in the country including one cargo airline: (1) M/s Jet Airways, (2) M/s Sahara Airways, (3) M/s Air Deccan, (4) M/s Kingfisher Airlines, (5) M/s Spicejet, (6) M/s Indiigo Airlines, (7) M/s Paramount Airways, (8) M/s Go Airlines and (9) M/s Blue Dart Aviation (Cargo).

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